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**THROWING STONES** – Gregg Huyghebaert, left, and Steve Jacobsen, right, sweep a rock just thrown by Sietze Sietzema during the Didsbury Farm & Ranch Bonspiel at the Didsbury Curling Club on Jan. 9. For more on the bonspiel see page 4.

Noel West/MVP Staff

## Council to make decision on fire hall project

BY PAUL FREY  
 MVP Staff

Town council was expected to deliberate a motion approving the construction of a new \$4-million fire hall during tonight's regular council meeting.

Derek Sutherland, manager of protective services, told councillors at the policies and priorities committee meeting on Jan. 9 that the latest plan for the fire department is to build a 1,710 square metre facility immediately north of the public works shop.

When the joint fire

hall committee, composed of Mountain View County and Didsbury officials, looked at a proposal from Group 2 Architecture in January 2014, that proposal came in at 1,980 square metres at a cost of \$6.2 million. The committee then contacted architect Rick Balbi, who shaved 270 square metres off the footprint and \$2.2 million off the price tag.

"We want to move forward with this because it will save significant taxpayer dollars," Roy Brown, the town's chief administrative officer, told councillors in regard

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ROY BROWN  
 CAO  
 Town of Didsbury

to the Balbi design.

Last week, Mountain View County's policies and priorities committee recommended county council spend \$1.75 million on the project with town council to consider contributing \$2.25 million. Ownership of the building will be split according to funding contributions.

Coun. Sheila Schulz said she wanted to be sure that the architectural plan could be reviewed by town officials to make sure the building fits with community standards, such as being as environmentally-friendly as possible.

By doing a design-build project, the architect will work directly with the

builder to minimize any changes that the town might want to make that could add costs to the final project, Sutherland explained.

The building will be a prefabricated steel structure. Sutherland said the building is designed to blend in with the surrounding buildings in the community.

"What we got is a real happy medium between beauty and cost," he said.

In an interview, Sutherland said one of the committee's considerations when siting the building was to make

it easier for fire trucks to get to any emergency. By locating it on the north side of the community away from the downtown core, there will be much less traffic congestion for trucks to deal with when firefighters respond to a call.

By locating it on existing town land, the town will also save on land costs. Locating the hall adjacent to Highway 582 also means that when firefighters are needed for support on Highway 2, trucks won't have to travel through the downtown core to access the highway.



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# Shantz land deal stalled

BY PAUL FREY  
MVP Staff

The first land sale in Shantz Crossing has stalled. Financing for Bruce Steel Fabricators Inc.'s planned \$7-million project has fallen through, according to Dalip Prasad, general manager of Bruce Steel.

"We put lots of resources in there so we are very disappointed right now. That's a very good property (at Shantz) with such a huge potential. If everything had gone OK, we wanted to start something in June or July of 2015 (in Didsbury)," said Prasad.

Town officials announced last February that the Town of Didsbury had sold over 15 acres of land in the Shantz Crossing Business Park to the Edmonton-based company.

At the time, Bruce Steel planned to begin construction on Phase 1 of its new multi-million dollar plant in Didsbury in the spring of 2014 and complete it by the spring of 2015. Phase 1 was to include construction of a 50,000 sq. ft. building with additional plant and office space to be built in future years.

During the closing phases of the deal, Bruce Steel was working with a partner, which has since severed ties with the company, Prasad said. When that relationship ended, he said Bruce Steel was unable to get adequate financing for the \$7-million project at Shantz.

While Bruce Steel was trying to arrange financing of the deal, Royal Canadian Properties stepped in and began negotiating with the town for the same



Noel West/MVP Staff

Workers lay a pipeline at the Shantz Crossing Business Park on Jan. 9.

parcels that Bruce Steel had eyed earlier, Prasad said.

Bruce Steel is still quite interested in moving to Didsbury, however, he said.

"If for some reason, the other company were to back out, we'll be back in," he said.

But the deal with Royal Canadian Properties did not materialize, said Roy Brown, the town's chief administrative officer.

Brown insisted, however, that the deal to bring Bruce Steel to Didsbury is still in the works.

He said that when the announcement was made in February 2014 that Bruce Steel would be setting up shop in Didsbury, the company gave the town a non-

refundable deposit for land in Shantz, and as such, the deal is still alive.

He also said that town officials had a meeting with Bruce Steel representatives in December 2014, during which Bruce Steel officials inquired about other potential sites in Didsbury to house administrative staff.

"I have not received a response (from Bruce Steel) that indicates what you've said at all," Brown told the Review.

Brown also said he sent a letter to Bruce Steel officials on Jan. 7 following up on the two sides' meeting in December, but said he couldn't discuss the details of the letter.

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**REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:** Tuesday January 13, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

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# Police kept busy with highway collisions



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Traffic was backed up in both the north and south bound lanes of Hwy. 2 due to multiple collisions and poor driving conditions just south of the Carstairs overpass on Jan. 2.

BY PAUL FREY  
MVP Staff

Extreme winter driving conditions over the past few weeks has kept the Didsbury RCMP busy responding to dozens of collisions in the detachment area.

RCMP responded to 23 separate collisions in the detachment area between Jan. 2 and Jan. 8, with three major collisions on the Queen Elizabeth II Highway on Jan. 2.

One of the collisions involved three vehicles north of the Carstairs overpass, while another involving seven vehicles occurred south of the Carstairs overpass while a third occurred north of the Acme overpass.

"Weather and road conditions

were contributing factors to those collisions," said Cpl. Warren Wright of the RCMP, noting that light rain on the morning of Jan. 2 was followed by dropping temperatures and blowing snow that made the highway extremely slippery.

Wright said because the proximity of the two collision scenes near the Carstairs overpass was so close together, drivers began slowing down as they approached the scenes, but because of slippery road conditions they collided with each other.

In the collision south of the Carstairs overpass, "southbound traffic started getting into secondary accidents, slowing down and trying to come to a stop as traffic basically slowed through the

(main) collision. A lot of those vehicles went off the road into the west ditch," Wright said.

Members from the Airdrie detachment helped Didsbury members with the scene near the Acme overpass.

"Our priorities were getting the drivers off the highway to safety, removing the vehicles from the roadway so there wouldn't be secondary collisions. In some cases, if (the vehicles) were (far enough off the road) we left them until the following morning," Wright said.

No serious injuries nor fatalities resulted from the collisions, thanks in large measure to the cable barrier that prevented southbound traffic from going into the northbound lanes, Wright said.

# Police briefs

BY PAUL FREY  
MVP Staff

## Woman reported shoplifting

Didsbury RCMP received a complaint that a white woman in her 40s shoplifted a bottle of whiskey from a Didsbury business on Jan. 1.

The complaint was lodged with police at 4:30 p.m. The suspect was described as having dark hair, was wearing a red coat, a blue tuque, jeans and a black scarf. The next day, the same business reported that the same woman again attempted to shoplift a bottle

of whiskey. RCMP are attempting to identify the suspect.

## Home invasion at rural property

RCMP received a report from a rural resident on Rge. Rd. 5.5 and Twp. Rd. 303 that on Jan. 1 at 2:45 a.m. a man with a black tuque and dark green winter coat entered the residence and stole a wallet and cellphone. The resident observed the suspect inside the home. The wallet was later recovered on the nearby roadway, but the cellphone is still missing.

# Three municipalities looking for IT help

BY PAUL FREY  
MVP Staff

The municipalities of Didsbury, Carstairs and Cremona are banding together to get some help with each municipality's technology requirements.

The municipalities tendered a joint proposal on Jan. 6 for management of each of their information technology needs that will allow all three to work more effectively than if each municipi-

pality struck separate agreements by themselves. The proposal is one of many the three municipalities hope to work together on as part of the newly-formed Charter for Municipal Cooperation between the municipalities that came into effect on Jan. 1.

"This is kind of an example of how we're able to work together and secure better things for all of our residents of all the municipali-

ties at once. As small municipalities, we can't get nearly the interest of larger companies that might be able to help us out," said Christofer Atchison, coordinator of legislative services for the Town of Didsbury.

Atchison said none of the municipalities need a full-time person to oversee their information technology. But by cooperating on a joint proposal the municipalities can make it more attractive for a person or

company to do all three municipalities' work over four or five days per week instead of just one day per week, which would be the case if each municipality signed its own agreement with separate providers.

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Wayne Jackson throws a rock during the Didsbury Farm & Ranch Bonspiel at the Didsbury Curling Club on Jan. 9.

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Brian Winter throws a rock.

Noel West/MVP Staff



Sharon Hildebrandt, left, and Courtney Missikewitz follow a rock down the ice.

Noel West/MVP Staff

## Bonspiel brings curlers together in friendly competition

BY PAUL FREY  
MVP Staff

Six days of curling were capped off on Jan. 10 at the Didsbury Curling Club with four teams taking top honours at the 21st edition of the Didsbury Farm and Ranch Bonspiel.

The team of Ed Wicks defeated the rink skipped by Ken Weseen to claim the A event, while Murray Stringer's rink claimed the B event final over Kent Clifford. The Mitch Rauhala rink won the C event by defeating Steve Jacobson's team and Brent Pochapsky's foursome was victorious over the Miller McCoy rink to claim the D event title.

Wicks said his team played well in four of the five matches, with the team squeaking into the final on Saturday with a win on Friday night.

"It was a nail-biter (on Jan. 9) and we made up for

it (on Jan. 10)," he said following the final match.

Wicks, a former Didsbury resident who now calls Sundre home, said he has been coming out to the farm and ranch bonspiel for about the past 10 years and said he enjoys coming back to the bonspiel each year to compete against many of the same teams year after year.

"The people are so great; the sponsorship is great," he said, adding that many teams that play in the bonspiel only play once every year. And Wicks has played against many of them over the years. This year's A final was a rematch of 2014, with the Wicks rink out-duelling the Weseen team, turning the tables from last year.

"The team we beat in the final, we played them in the final last year and they beat us. We have revenge so we'll talk about the rubber match next year," Wicks said.

Meanwhile, Pochapsky said his team redeemed itself after getting off to a 0-3 start in the bonspiel by winning its next four matches in the span of two days.

"Four games in two days is a lot of curling and a lot of work, but we came out on top of this part," he said. Pochapsky, a member of the bonspiel's organizing committee, has played in all 21 Didsbury farm and ranch bonspiels.

"This (farm and ranch bonspiel) is pretty good. Other people, they really rave about this one from other towns. It's always a good show," he said.

There were 36 teams in the competition, with about half from Didsbury and half from out of town. Among the out-of-town rinks, a strong contingent came from Olds and Carstairs. There were also rinks from as far away as Innisfail and Caroline this year.



# Dragons girls win big on hardcourt



Paul Frey/MVP Staff

The Dragons are slowly improving as the season progresses, says coach Henry Paulgaard.

BY PAUL FREY  
MVP Staff

The Didsbury High School senior girls basketball team cruised to a 72-26 victory over the Hugh Sutherland School Kodiaks on January 7 in Chinook's Edge South Athletic Association play.

The Dragons controlled the game from the opening tipoff, taking an 11-0 lead partway through the first 10 minutes of play. The Dragons led 21-4 after the first quarter, extending their lead to 37-20 at the half.

In the second half, the Dragons extended the lead to 21 points, 53-22 after 30 minutes of play, before closing out the Kodiaks in the fourth quarter.

Following the game, Dragons coach Henry Paulgaard said the detail for the game was to continue working on fundamentals, and defence was the key the team worked on against the Kodiaks.

"Our focus ... was more on defence than anything, so defensively, we had three good quarters. We didn't have a very good second quarter but all-

in-all, we still have a little ways to go when it comes to our skill sets, and we're working on that in practice," he said.

Paulgaard said he is relatively pleased with the team concept and hopes it continues improving.

The Dragons were able to capitalize on many missed Kodiak shots during the game, grabbing defensive rebounds and travelling down the floor to convert opportunities. Paulgaard said that's something that all good teams are able to do, and he was pleased that the Dragons were able to convert on many opportunities they were presented with.

"We're getting there. We still aren't seeing some of the people up the court, but there were a few situations that we were able to have a very successful offensive transition that turned into a layup for us, and that's one of our objectives," he said.

Paulgaard said he would still like to see more of a group effort when travelling down the floor on offence,

spreading the ball around more and seeing where the open player is. But he said he is confident with more time together, the players will be able to work together better. Half of the team is first-year Grade 10 players.

"We've basically got a brand new team. It takes a while to get used to knowing where other people are. People by habit sometimes move a certain direction and you play with them long enough and you start to understand where they're going to be, and that's going to take a little time. The hope is by the end (of the season) that we are successful working together as a group of five out there," he said.

Meanwhile, the boys had a tougher time against their counterparts from Carstairs, losing 66-16. The boys trailed throughout the game, down seven points, 11-4 after the first quarter. The

Kodiaks increased their lead to 19 at the half, 27-8, before pulling away in the second half, leading 47-12 after three quarters and then adding to their lead in the fourth.

Coach Gary Griffiths said despite the loss, he was happy with the team's progress as he saw the players starting to play more as a team. During the game against the Kodiaks, however, the players weren't using their hands on defence as much as they could. That's a bad habit that Griffiths said he is trying to break.

"We went over that. Half our practice (the previous evening) was hands-up. There's lots of room for improvement."

On offence, the Dragons were snake-bitten, with the ball not falling when players made the drive to the hoop. Griffiths said with more practice and game time, he's confident that will improve.

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### January 14

Special Meeting of the Museum Membership, to discuss By Law changes, will be held at the Museum on January 14, 2015 at 7 pm.

### January 15, 22, 29

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### January 28

Coffee and Conversation at the Didsbury Museum 1 to 3:30 pm. Meet Mark Fisher and Tony Doughty from the Didsbury and District Stamp Club.

### January

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## Opinion

# Editorial

## No need for snap election



DAN SINGLETON

With the Alberta Progressive Conservative MLAs continuing to bask in their recent stunning triumph over their Wildrose rivals, Premier Jim Prentice may be mulling over the tempting proposition of sending residents to the polls in a snap election this spring.

While the next provincial election is not scheduled until 2016, the premier does have the authority to call an earlier election. Most Albertans are no doubt hoping he resists the temptation to drop the writ a year early.

There's no doubt that the new premier has turned things around in a huge way since taking over from disgraced former premier Alison Redford.

Not only has he won four key byelections in the face of bitter opposition, he has also dealt a heavy and perhaps fatal blow to his principal Wildrose rivals by stripping away some of that party's key leaders.

There are few, if any, examples of a provincial leader turning his or her party's fortunes around in such a dramatic way as Premier Prentice has done in recent months.

And while the Wildrose, Liberals and NDP parties all say, naturally, that they plan to fight on, the fact remains that as the new year gets underway Premier Prentice is firmly in the driver's seat, able to do more or less as he pleases in the Alberta political arena.

With everything going his way these days, why shouldn't the premier launch a snap election campaign against his badly battered and bruised opponents?

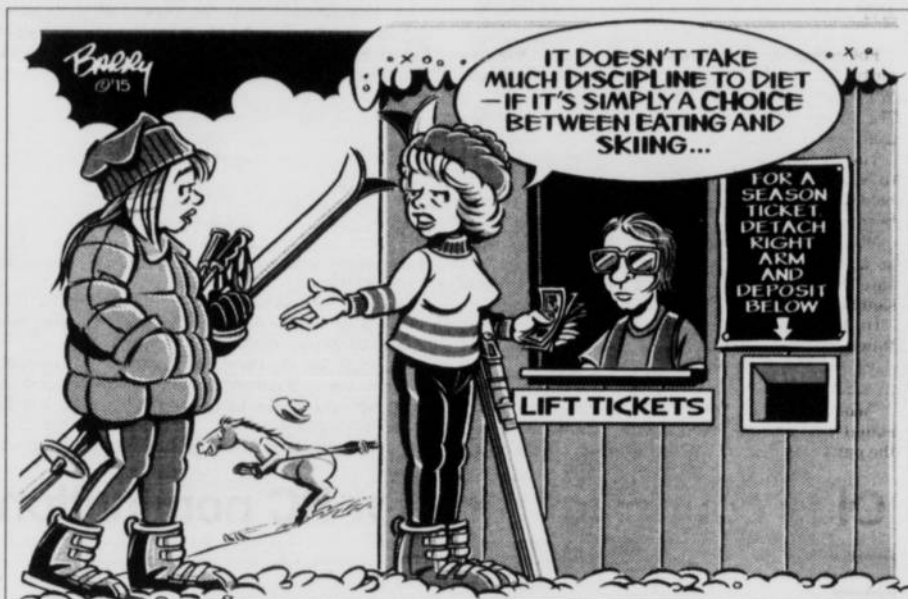
First, with the province facing a potentially very difficult financial challenge caused by the recent steep decline in oil prices, it's hardly the time to spend millions and millions of taxpayers dollars on a spring election campaign. The bottom line is it makes no sense to throw away scarce public money when it isn't necessary.

Second, the government needs, without further delay, to start addressing a myriad of growing public safety issues across this province, including for long-overdue upgrades to rural bridges and roadways.

Premier Prentice may try to justify a snap election by saying he needs a new mandate. What he really needs to do is get down to work and put politics on the back burner.

Albertans want their MLAs in the legislature doing the jobs they are being handsomely paid to do, not out roaming the campaign trail for a month or two.

So Premier Prentice, here's a New Year's wish from Albertans everywhere: put any plans you may have in mind for a snap election this spring where they belong – in the wastebasket.



## Commentary

### Boom and bust cycles a myth

BY JASON CLEMENS AND CHARLES LAMMAM

There is a prominent view among some in Alberta's provincial government and elsewhere in the province that believes booms and busts in government finances are a result of the province's large energy sector. Indeed, a growing number of Albertans seem to have bought into the idea that jurisdictions blessed with large energy sectors are doomed to large swings from surpluses to deficits when energy prices fluctuate.

This myth, which is too often conveniently encouraged by politicians, is easily tested by comparing the performance of Alberta with other energy-producing provinces and states. After all, Alberta is not the only province or U.S. state with a robust energy sector.

Consider a recent study that compared the economic and financial performance of Alberta with nine other Canadian provinces and U.S. states that have significant energy sectors. On a host of economic measures, such as GDP growth, per capita income growth, job creation, and unem-

ployment, Alberta is among the elite within the energy-producing club of provinces and states, ranking high on every measure.

Albertans have enjoyed an incredibly robust economy over the past decade in no small part due to their energy sector. However, it is with respect to government finances that Alberta performs shockingly poorly compared to the other energy-producing jurisdictions.

On the issue of balancing budgets, for instance, Alberta is one of only three jurisdictions to be in deficit for the most recent year of comparable data (2011-12). Alberta's deficit stands in stark contrast to the 9.7 per cent surplus (as a share of spending) observed in Texas, an established energy-producing state and North Dakota, a newbie to large-scale energy production, which recorded an incredible 46.4 per cent surplus.

The recent drop in oil prices, given Alberta's reliance on oil royalties for revenue, means its fiscal position is only likely to get worse.

To gauge the degree of reliance on energy-related revenues and the implication of changes,

see what happens when we remove energy-related revenues from government revenues. Only Alaska performs worse than Alberta. In fact, Alberta records the second largest deficit when resource revenues are removed while Texas and North Dakota both remain in surplus.

The main explanation for deficits in Alberta is consistently large spending increases. Over the decade ending in 2011-12, Alberta recorded the fourth highest level of per capita spending among the 10 energy-producing provinces and states analyzed. Spending in Alberta was well ahead of both North Dakota and Texas.

A common justification for such spending is that Alberta has experienced a marked increase in its population. There are two problems with this excuse. One, the data presented are on a per person basis, which means they account for population growth. And two, Alberta's population growth of 29.4 per cent between 2000 and 2012 is comparable to Texas' growth of 24.4 per cent. North Dakota's population has also grown markedly although not to the extent of Alberta or Texas.

One critical solution to the booms and busts of Alberta's government finances is a more disciplined approach to spending. Embedding rules that prevent runaway spending in good times so that large disruptions in government programs and/or tax increases are avoided in tough times must be a central part of the fix.

For instance, stringently limiting program spending increases to the rate of inflation plus population growth would have resulted in a dramatically different fiscal circumstance for Alberta. Specifically, Alberta would have spent \$41 billion less than it did over the 2004-05 to 2012-13 period according to a recent study. This means the province would still have a large rainy day account and the precipitous drop in the price of oil would not have the dire financial consequences facing Edmonton currently.

Alberta is not doomed to boom and bust government finances. There are fixes but they require leadership from government.

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# PC Association president talks nominations

BY KEVIN VINK  
MVP Staff

Following the floor-crossing of several Wildrose party MLAs to the PC party in the tail end of last year, William Stevenson, president of the Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills PC Association, explained that nominations will eventually be happening provincewide.

The nominations will include the ridings belonging to MLAs who crossed the floor, and will likely be held within the next year, though no specific date has been set, he said.

"We have our (riding) AGM on January 17 in Olds, so at that time, we will have a new board and I'm sure that it will be discussed at length at that point," said Stevenson.

He hasn't had a chance to talk with MLA Bruce Rowe since the crossing due to overlapping holidays, but they will be connecting once he is back, he said.

"What I can tell you is that, as the premier has stated – and what's been directed down to us from the party – is that we will be having an open nomina-

tion in this riding in 2015," he said.

As Stevenson is also the central-south regional director for the PCs, he attended the regional meeting on Saturday, Jan. 10, which he said would yield more details on how local ridings will organize nominations.

"It will be similar I'm sure, to what we did in 2011 when we had our nomination in this riding where we had...I guess there was about 1,300 voted with 1,700 eligible.

"It will be very similar to that, so I can't say the details of it because I don't know how we're going to run it this year...but we will definitely be having the nomination in between six and 12 months, somewhere in there."

Bruce Rowe would be on the nomination list, if he chooses, as well as any other local PC member who wishes to go through the process, he noted.

Although he declined to comment on possible motivations of Wildrose members who crossed the floor, he said he thinks the move will help the PC party provincially.

"I'm not sure how it will affect the next election in

our local area, but I think provincewide it's definitely going to help the PC party."

Another possible bonus is that the floor-crossing may get more people interested in the nomination process, he said.

## DIDSBURY MINOR HOCKEY PLAYER SPOTLIGHTS

NOVICE: Cole Howard

Age: 8



Cole's favorite school subjects are math, art and gym. He likes to play lacrosse, dance and downhill ski. His favorite hockey team is the Red Deer Rebels.

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Age: 7



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Age: 5



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TYKE: Kylie Dickau

Age: 3



Kylie's favorite color is pink. She likes hockey and her favorite food is chicken. Her favorite hockey team is the Red Deer Rebels.

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Olds councillor Wade Bearchell is seeking the PC Party nomination.

BY DOUG COLLIE  
MVP Staff

Olds town councillor Wade Bearchell is running for the Progressive Conservative (PC) party nomination in the Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills riding.

Bearchell made that announcement Thursday (Jan. 8).

The riding is currently held by former Wildrose party member Bruce Rowe, who crossed the floor last month with eight other Wildrose party members – including former leader Danielle Smith – to join the governing PC party.

Mountain View Publishing employees were unable to reach Rowe for comment at the time this story was published.

Bearchell says Rowe's floor-crossing is not the primary reason he's running, however he's aware that many constituents who voted for the Wildrose party are angry with Rowe's decision.

"I was going to run before that. Then when that happened, it basically solidified my intention to run," he says. "My sense is that people are angry and upset and I know that the people of the constituency want somebody that they can believe in – that they trust."

Bearchell says people have been suggesting he run for a provincial seat for five years or so. He says he began seriously thinking about it when he heard Premier Jim Prentice, the leader of the PCs, speak during the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association conference in September.

"I was pretty disheartened with the past leadership of the PC party, but I found that Jim Prentice was somebody that I believed in and that got me considering the nomination for the PC party," he says.

He then spoke to some PC supporters about whether he should run and got their backing.

Bearchell says he's been a member of the Progressive Conservative party "off and on."

"I voted in the last nomination (meeting)," he says.

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## Colts

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"They outworked us. Our boys were flat. We didn't come out at the start of the game hungry and it just carried on throughout the whole game. The guys weren't skating, we weren't forechecking ... there was a lot of things we did wrong," he said.

Youngs said in light of the team's previous performance – the Thunder snapped the Colts' five-game winning streak – a letdown was inevitable, but since it came at the hands of the team the Colts were immediately chasing in the standings, the loss stung. Going into the game, the Thunder held a two-point advantage over the Colts for second place in the north division.

"You're bound to lose eventually, you just wish it wasn't this game," he said.

## IT Services

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Carl McDonnell, chief administrative officer for the Town of Carstairs, said the mutual interests of all three communities often overlap and it's always good to get a regional perspective when dealing with common issues.

All three communities are in the Didsbury RCMP detachment area, all three communities share a common highway, and ambulances travel between the three communities providing emergency medical services.

"It's a large portion of the population of the south end of the Mountain View region

... and it's always good to have those discussions. It gives us a stronger voice when we're dealing with different agencies," McDonnell said.

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palities have worked together on several different issues over the past few years, including a joint proposal to provide waste services.

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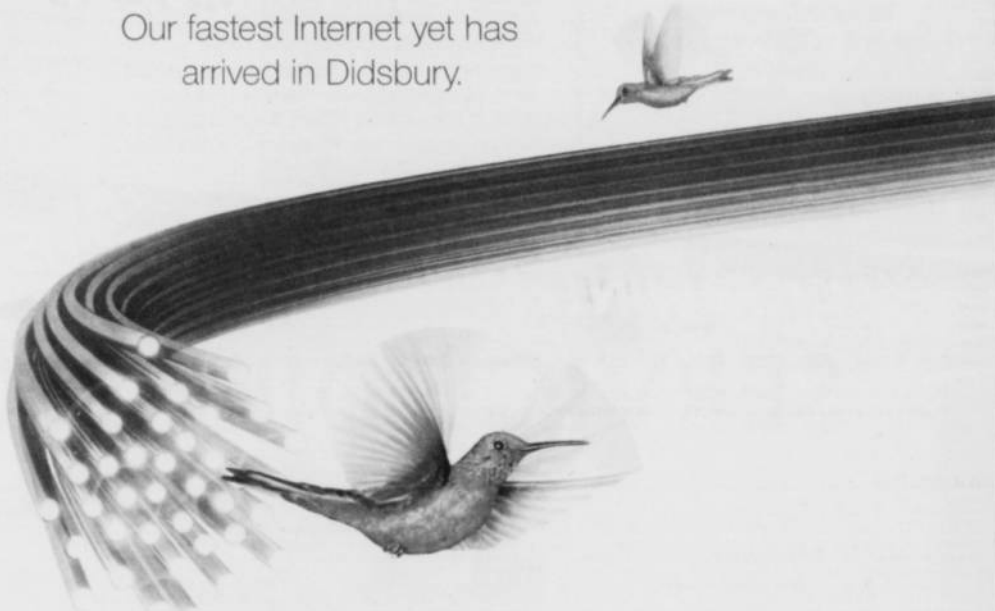
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# FRONT PORCH REALTY

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1209 - 20 Street



Great potential for business use on this 0.6 acre piece, 4800 sq ft shop half of which is heated, lots of possibilities

**\$279,900**

403, 1881 - 17 Street



Lovely Campus Green apartment condo for sale, over 1200 sq ft, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, spacious oak kitchen, air conditioning, wrap around balcony with storage closets at each end.

**\$229,900**

2110 - 23 Avenue



Extensive renovations! Enclosed front veranda, 3 bedrooms, single detached garage, lovely yard, established location

**\$219,900**

758 Stonehaven Dr., Carstairs



Gorgeous executive style home, 1572 sq ft, tile, hardwood, gas fireplace, vaulted ceiling, main floor laundry, quartz counter tops in gourmet kitchen, oversized double attached garage.

**\$459,900**

2143 - 18 Avenue



3 bedroom bungalow with many main floor and exterior upgrades, country kitchen with newer white cabinetry, vinyl windows, large lot, single detached garage, backs onto park.

**\$239,900**

55 Southridge Crescent



1078 sq. ft. mobile on its own lot, lots of upgrades in recent years, metal roof, 3 bedrooms, fenced back yard, great starter or revenue home.

**\$179,900**

37 Sandpiper Drive



3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, hardwood, open plan, great basement setup for entertaining, fully fenced, nice subdivision near the high school.

**\$369,900**

2.62 Acres of Country Living



1292 sq ft home built in 1996, open floor plan, gas fireplace, oak kitchen with island, double attached garage, 40 X 80 quonset, on pavement.

**\$579,900**

1 Mile South of Didsbury



Terrific acreage on pavement, 2.57 acres, 1392 sq ft character home, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, older barn, lots of mature trees and room to roam.

**\$309,900**

## Make no moosetake!



10.25 Acres NW of Didsbury



Zoned AG2, ravine view, most of the way on pavement, services at the road.

**\$219,900**

The  
Porch  
Boyz

830 Stonehaven Dr., Carstairs



Brand new 1575 sq ft 2 story, 3 bedrooms plus upper floor den, 2 1/2 baths, hardwood, gas fireplace, large yard backing onto Carstairs golf course.

**\$409,900**

302 Campus Green



Very well cared for apartment condo, 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, air conditioning, balcony with 2 storage closets, well run condo with reasonable monthly fees, indoor parking.

**\$179,900**

#11 Little Red Acres



1 acre lot on the edge of Water Valley, services to property line, backs onto green space, last lot in Little Red Acres.

**\$109,900**

46 Stromsray Gate, Carstairs



Spacious floor plan in this 50+ condo unit, hardwood floors, coffered ceiling in living room, gas fireplace, amazing ensuite, covered rear deck with gas hookup, double garage, close to the golf course.

**\$439,900**

1308 - 23 Avenue



2 + 1 bedrooms, 2 full baths, new basement development, 45 +, no condo fees, nice area of town.

**\$259,900**

#94, Didsbury Mobile Home Park



Wow! mobile home on rented lot with 2 additions, 1459 sq ft, many upgrades incl. hardwood, drywall instead of paneling, newer roof, siding, furnace etc... 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, nice location in the park.

**\$84,900**

3.16 Acres Near Didsbury



1180 sq ft home, 3 + 1 bedrooms, 2 baths, 18' X 26' heated workshop, 40' X 60' quonset, on pavement, great little hobby farm set-up

**\$489,000**

221 Valarosa Place



Gorgeous family home, 3 + 1 bedrooms, 3 baths, hardwood, tankless hot water, in floor heat in basement, heated bathroom floors on main, detached garage.

**\$349,900**

52 Stromsray Gate, Carstairs



Fantastic 50+ home, over 2400 sq ft developed, quartz counter tops, large walkin pantry, walkout on third level, gas fireplace, etc...

**\$439,900**